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Serial No.: 09/648,775

August 28, 2000

Title: Selective Antagonits of A2B Adenosine

Receptors

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2001 OFFICIAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 24, 2001, please amended the above-identified U.S. Patent Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-3, 11, and 20-21 from the application without prejudice.

- 4. (Once amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 23 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 5. (Once amended) A method of antagonizing A_{2B} receptors comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of the following formula:

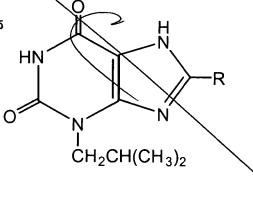
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Petition for Three Month Extension of Time
 - a. Reply to September 24, 2001 Official Action with Appendix and Declaration of Dr. Jack N. Wells
- 2. With respect to additional fees:
 - a. Attached is a check in the amount of \$648.00 (\$188 to file additional claims and \$460 for Three Month Extension of Time)
- 3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 12th day of March 2002.

By:

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